

LIST OF SOLICITORS AND LAW FIRMS SPECIALIZING IN INTERNATIONAL CHILD CUSTODY AND FAMILY LAW

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This list of solicitors and law firms is provided by the American Embassy as a convenience to United States citizens. The following solicitors have indicated that their staff are familiar with international child custody cases and are willing to undertake such work. It is not a complete list of solicitors practicing here and absence of a firm from the list is in no way a reflection on its competence. Inclusion on the list is based primarily on the firm having provided the Embassy with detailed information. The American Embassy in London assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons or facilities listed. Fees and the legal services to be provided are a matter for agreement solely between the individual and the solicitor.

In English and Welsh practice, the legal profession is divided into two quite separate categories: "Barristers" and "Solicitors". The primary function of the former is to argue cases before the higher courts. All other legal work is handled by the solicitors and only a solicitor can retain a barrister. As barristers do not deal directly with the general public, only solicitors are named in the attached list.

The Solicitors Act (1974) permits all Solicitors to act as commissioners for Oaths.

Lists of solicitors practicing in Scotland and Northern Ireland are available from the American Consulates General at Edinburgh and Belfast respectively.

BINDMAN & PARTNERS:

275 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8QF, Tel: 020-7833-4433; Fax: 020-7837-9792. **Contacts:** Katherine Gieve, Alison Burt, Julia Thackray and Louise Coubrough.

BOYES TURNER

Abbotts House, Abbey Street, Reading, Berkshire RG1 3BD, Tel: 0118-959-7711; Fax: 0118-952-7248. **Contacts:** Tony Roe, Helen Haberson, Punam Denley and Ann Corrigan.

BRETHERTONS

30 High Street, Banbury, Oxon OX16 5RB, Tel: 01295-754900; Fax: 01295-257580. **Contact:** Simon Craddock

CAMPBELL HOOPER

35 Old Queen Street, London SW1H 9JD, Tel: 020-7222-9070; Fax: 0870-191-6722. **Contact: Helen Pidgeon**

CHARLES RUSSELL:

8-10 Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1RS, Tel: 020-7203-5000; Fax: 020-7203-0205. **Contact:** Tanya Roberts, Michael Letts and Sarah Whitten.

COBBETTS:

Ship Canal House, King Street, Manchester M2 4WB, Tel: 0845-345-3330; Fax: 0161-833-3030. **Contact**: James Macguire.

COLLYER-BRISTOW:

4 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4DF, Tel: 020-7242-7363; Fax: 020-7405-0555; out of hours: 07790-462-102. Office in New York. **Contact:** Barry Houghton, Joanna Clare. E-mail: cblaw@collyerbristow.com

DAWSON CORNWELL & CO.:

16 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4QT, Tel: 020-7242-2556; Fax: 020-7539-4841. **Contact:** Anne-Marie Hutchinson (out of hours emergency tel no: 020-8607-9660) and Helen Kings

ELLIS JONES

Sandbourne House, 302 Charminster Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH8 9RU, Tel: 01202-525333; Fax: 01202-535935. **Contact:** Sean McNally, Brian Graham and Richard Clark.

HODGE JONES & ALLEN:

Twyman House, 31-39 Camden Road, London NW1 9LR, Tel: 020-7482-1974; Fax: 020-7284-6638. Contact: Simone McGrath and Samantha Guy.

HORNBY & LEVY:

2-6 Atlantic road, London SW9 8HY, Tel: 020-7737-0909; Fax: 020-7273-0886. **Contact:** Santosh Kumar, Lucy Verity.

KINGSLEY NAPLEY:

Knights Quarter, 14 St. John's Lane, London EC1M 4AJ, Tel: 020-7814-1200; Fax: 020-7490-2288. **Contact:** Jane Keir or Duncan Ranton.

LYONS DAVIDSON

Bridge House, 48-52 Baldwin Street, Bristol BS1 1QD, Tel: 0117-904-6000; Fax: 0117-904-6001. **Contact:** Philippa Ashton, Jill Sage & David Wheeler.

MISCHON DE REYA:

21 Southampton Row, London WC1B 5HS, Tel: 020-7405-3711; Fax: 020-7404-5982.

Contact: Sandra Davis, Katherine Waldemar Brown & Nicola Fletcher.

MYERS LISTER PRICE

5 & 7 Market Street, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 1QE, Tel: 0161-926-1502; Fax: 0161-925-1500. **Contact:** Gillian Price, Tim Earl.

OSMOND GAUNT & ROSE:

Winston House, 349 Regents Park Road, Finchley, London N3 1DH, Tel: 020-8349-0321; Fax: 020-8346-8605. **Contact:** Peter Martin.

PERCY SHORT & CUTHBERT (incorporating Haring Ross)

402 Holloway Road, London N7 6PZ, Tel: 020-7700-0265; Fax: 020-7607-2489. **Contact:** Gill Noury, Bill Boyes & Ralph Haring.

PRITCHARD JOYCE & HINDS:

St. Bride's House, 21 High Street, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1AX, Tel: 020-8658-3922; Fax: 020-8658-8694. **Contact:** Helen Newman & Gillian Hodge.

REYNOLDS PORTER CHAMBERLAIN:

Chichester House, 278-282 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HA, Tel: 020-3060-6000; Fax: 020-3060-7000. **Contact:** Mrs. Carolyn Usher, Helen Blackburn, Richard Phillips & Natalie O'Shea.

JONES MYERS PARTNERSHIP:

The Pearl Building, 22 East Parade, Leeds LS1 5BZ, Tel: 0113-246-0055; Fax: 0113-246-7446. **Contact:** John Jackson & Kate Banerjee.

WHITE AND SHERWIN:

Simpson House, 2-6 Cherry Orchard Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 6BA, Tel: 020-8681-2256; Fax: 020-8667-1688. **Contact:** Richard White, Michael Sherwin, Karen Davies and David Clark.

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